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## Protesters seek to put climate back on the agenda

JENN WATT

Editor

Protesters assembled along Highland Street on Friday at noon to demand action on climate change and although they were only permitted to have 25 people attend as a COVID-19 precaution, the group still made their presence felt.

They came with signage and spaced themselves out along the road east of the intersection with Gelert Road, waving to motorists and gesturing to transport trucks to blow their horns. For the most part, over the one-hour demonstration, feedback was positive, with many cars beeping in support.

The protest, which coincided with others around the globe marking the Global

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Protesters demanding action on climate change lined Highland Street on Friday, Sept. 25, joining global protests. Organized by Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County and Environment Haliburton, the event was limited to 25 people at a time, as they observe the local authorities' interpretation of the provincial gathering rules to limit the spread of COVID-19. /JENN WATT Staff

## Haliburton Highlands Health Services waiting on ministry funds

JENN WATT

Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Sept. 24 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board held via Zoom online conferencing service.

Responding to the coronavirus pandemic has added considerable expense to the HHHS corporation, but ministry funding hasn't kept pace, leading to a \$230,000 deficit as of May 31, 2020.

David O'Brien, chair of the finance committee, told board members that expenses have increased in several facets of HHHS operations.

"This has required huge financial

investments which have caused significant financial pressure, not just on our regular day-to-day operations, but also on our cash flows related to the additional incremental expense, which includes the one-time pandemic pay for eligible staff," he said.

"Minimal ministry funds have flowed to date and I want to underline that. Minimal ministry funds have flowed to date.

However, we are being assured that these will be addressed in the near future."

Of the \$230,000 deficit, O'Brien said \$198,000 was "due to lost revenues due to service closures." At the same time, staffing costs have gone up with recruitment and retention pressures leading to more overtime, sick time and benefits.

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# Hospital sector dealing with COVID-19-related deficits

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"We've had to increase our staff resources by almost 20 per cent in the last five months for new positions such as screeners, enhanced cleaning, and increased bed capacity," O'Brien said.

HHHS president and CEO Carolyn Plummer said cash flow issues are being experienced by health-care institutions across Ontario and advocacy work was underway.

"We have been working, as Dave mentioned, in partnership with Ontario Hospital Association, our regional hospital partners and others to advocate for speedy transfer of funds to help address some of those cash flow issues and to reimburse for those expenses," she said. "The Ontario Hospital Association has developed a position paper outlining the impact of the fiscal challenges on hospitals and the COVID response."

The position paper, which was circulated as part of Plummer's report to the board, called attention to a \$500 million net deficit for Ontario's hospital sector for the months of April and May 2020, which includes a revenue loss of \$320 million.

## Recognizing pandemic's impact on staff

In his report to the board, chief of staff Dr. Steve Ferracuti said working during a pandemic has been stressful for HHHS staff.

The team has performed well, he said, with good practices in place and disciplined staff. However, he informed the board that this comes with "readiness fatigue."

"Your staff are working extremely hard," he said. "They're donning, they're doffing, they're donning, they're doffing [their protective gear], and it's exhausting. And they are putting in more hours than they would like. And they're doing a great job, so if you ... have a chance to pat someone on the back, it would be highly appreciated."

Plummer also praised staff during her report to the board.

"They've stepped up from day one and have continued to step up and like I said, I cannot say enough times how grateful I am for their contribution," she said. "And the contribution of our physician team as well, who stepped up and completely changed the way that they operate in order to make sure that we had appropriate medical coverage and leadership throughout this pandemic."

## Ontario Health Team process continues

The proposed Haliburton Highlands Ontario Health Team has yet to move to the full application stage of the provincial Ministry of Health's process. The Haliburton team, which is a proposed partnership of several health-care providers, submitted its report to the ministry in January.

"In July 2020 the Ministry of Health identified the next group of OHTs to proceed with completing a full application; HHOHT was not among that group," Plummer's written report to the board reads. The group has met with the ministry since about next steps.

## Modifying spaces

HHHS has been working on making space for additional patients and finding new solutions to allow for physical distancing while people wait at the emergency department, Plummer said.



Dr. Steve Ferracuti, chief of staff for Haliburton Highlands Health Services, told the board at their meeting on Sept. 24 that staff have been working very hard during the coronavirus pandemic and are feeling some "readiness fatigue" from the past several months. /Screenshot

"Over the summer months as our volume started to increase, some folks were able to wait outside to help maintain social distancing, but with the cooler weather coming, that's not going to be possible and isn't necessarily the safest option either, so we were doing some work to expand seating," she said.

## Half of the Cash for Care tickets sold

Lisa Tompkins, executive director of the HHHS Foundation, told the board that more than \$800,000 was transferred to the corporation for equipment and initiatives. Cardiac telemetry, cardiographs, and updated X-ray equipment were highlighted for the last year.

Though some events had to be cancelled due to COVID-19 precautions, Tompkins said donations are still coming in, with the recent radiothon on Moose FM bringing in \$42,600.

Cash for Care lottery launched in August and half the tickets have already been sold. Cash for Care includes several draws, starting with two early bird draws for \$500 (in October) and \$1,000 (in January), followed by three draws on Feb. 14, 2021 for \$1,500, \$2,000, and \$20,000. Go to hhhs.ca/foundation/cash-for-care-lottery for details or call 705-457-1580.

## Hospital auxiliary considers holiday pop-up shop

Adapting to restrictions posed by COVID-19, the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary is mulling over the idea of offering a pop-up shop before the holiday season. Jacqui Clarkson, representing the auxiliary, told the board that the charity hasn't been able to run its gift shop due to the pandemic, but would like to offer something for shoppers.

"We of course can't have the gift shop open in the hospital, but we're looking to see if we can find a facility that perhaps we could have a pop-up shop, just before the holidays, and perhaps be able to raise some of our funds that way. So we are working on things," she said.

The auxiliary purchased a wheelchair steamer for the hospital this year.

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# COVID-19 protocols limit size of protest

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Day of Climate Action, was organized jointly by Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County and Environment Haliburton. Bonnie Roe, an organizer, said it was important to keep climate change on the agenda, especially as COVID-19 takes up so much of the collective community's consciousness.

"The whole climate crisis didn't go away with COVID-19," she said, while holding a placard that read "There is no Planet B." "...The reason we're doing this is we really think it's still paramount that we bring it front and centre to the community and we've been getting a lot of support."

The guidelines on gathering size have been confusing for organizers, who changed the venue the night before the event, which was to have taken place by the train by the high school. The school board has been strict about only permitting staff and students on school property, and organizers wanted to respect their rules.

Still, several people commented at the protest that it made little sense that only 25 people could be out in a public park, in a space where anyone is free to come and go. They remarked that rules have not been the same across all of the province's health units, with some being more permissive. In Toronto, the climate action protest had a few hundred people, according to media reports.

Focus on climate change has waned in recent months with COVID-19 taking centre stage. Organizer Carolyn Coburn said she understood why that happened, but wanted to see more attention given to the issue by government.

"It really, I think, ultimately it requires leadership at the national level," she said. "You know, I can do all the right things at my place ... that's not going to turn the ship around. I think it's national. But on the other hand, grassroots – we often hear that leaders follow the grassroots, so that means our municipal politicians can push, our provincial politicians can push. It's up to everybody to do what they can given their position."

The Global Day of Climate Action was created by the youth-led organization Fridays for Future, which demands that measures be taken to keep the global temperature from rising to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, "ensure climate justice and equity," and abide by the Paris Agreement.

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*The whole climate crisis didn't go away with COVID-19.*

— Bonnie Roe



Above, protesters hold signs asking for action taken on climate change during a special day of action on Friday, Sept. 25. Only 25 people were allowed protesting at a time as organizers sought to respect COVID-19 gathering rules. Spread out along Highland Street, the group still made an impact as they demonstrated over lunch hour. /JENN WATT Staff

Left, getting the next generation involved: Katie, left, Allana Zorjen, and Rhea came out for the protest.

## First phase of climate change plan focuses on municipal emissions

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Staff Reporter

Haliburton County councillors approved the corporate climate change mitigation plan for the county during its online Sept. 23 meeting.

The county hired climate change co-ordinator Corey McKay last fall, McKay working on the plan since then. That process began by taking an inventory of the greenhouse gas emissions produced by the county and its lower-tier municipalities. The first phase of the project is the creation of a corporate climate change mitigation plan for the county and each of the four lower tiers, corporate greenhouse gas emissions being those that are produced by the municipal governments themselves.

The goal is to reduce corporately produced greenhouse

gas emissions across the county by 30 per cent from 2018 levels by 2030, and the plan suggests a number of actions that can be taken to reduce emissions in buildings and vehicle fleets, and at the lower-tier level, landfills, which are the biggest source of corporately produced greenhouse gas for the county's four municipalities.

The plan includes chapters for each of the lower tiers, with each local council setting its own emission reduction targets for its facilities and operations.

"So each local council had the opportunity to provide any comments, which are included in my report, and will be considered during implementation and ultimately each council passed a resolution supporting the approval of the plan," McKay said.

The first step toward implementation will be the striking of a working group that is to include municipal staffers from throughout the county, ones with knowledge of the affected areas, such as waste disposal and vehicle

fleets.

As county planner Charley White told councillors, "The working group would bring forward any recommendation's implementation, so those items included in your specific chapters of the plan, forward to their respective council."

"The working group ... is also an opportunity for collaboration across the five municipalities, so if there was a program moving forward, maybe there's a way that all five would do it together, maybe there would be some benefit with regard to costs or RFP [request for proposals] process," White said. "So, we see that as a benefit to all municipalities in implementing their climate change program."

In the future, McKay will also be creating a community climate change mitigation plan that will focus on the public and the community at large, and the working group for that plan will include members of the public.



# Director of education pleased with first weeks back

JENN WATT  
*Editor*

*The following are brief reports of items discussed at the board of trustees meeting on Sept. 22 for Trillium Lakelands District School Board.*

Wesley Hahn, director of education for TLDSB, told trustees that he was proud of how the staff and students had come together during the resumption of classes this month amid a pandemic. He praised their positivity, while acknowledging how difficult it was to resume learning when everything has changed so much from a typical school year.

"The positivity that you must have, and that doesn't mean rose-coloured glasses, because there's nothing really rosy about some of these situations we're in right now. ... It's hard work and it's frustrating work. And I sent a message to staff saying it's OK to be frustrated because sometimes there aren't answers right away to some of these problems and we're solving things that we haven't had to deal with before, so it can get frustrating," Hahn said.

The staggered start to classes was helpful for teachers and students, he said, allowing them to settle into new routines and reducing anxiety.

The virtual school, called Learn@Home, has been a challenge and Hahn thanked parents and students for their patience.

"We have five administrators who are working day and night" to make the new system work, he said, something experienced across Ontario, not only in TLDSB.

Those families without internet access, or whose access is limited, are struggling with Learn@Home. "Some areas don't even have [internet] at all, so we are working with [paper] packages like we have done in the past," he said, noting some families who have chosen remote learning may be struggling with a connection that can't support all the students using it at once. The board has been sharing internet sticks with some families on a temporary basis to help with connection.

## High demand for HVAC supplies

School board administrators are hoping for an extension on using provincial funding for HVAC upgrades, as the current deadline is quickly approaching and the supply of product is limited.

"They gave us an incredibly tight window that expires at the end of this month," Tim Ellis, superintendent of business, explained at the board of trustees meeting on Sept. 22. "...they gave us under eight weeks to work through upgrading our HVAC."

Further, Ellis said that there is high demand for the filters the board ordered.

"In terms of the filters ... that we are ordering, there's a backlog on those across North America because they've mandated in the United States all shopping malls [in some areas] adopt this type of filter."

## COVID-19, labour disputes sideline special projects

Several projects to be provided through TLDSB's program enhancement funding were delayed or partially completed in the last school year due to labour disruptions and COVID-19, with about \$91,500 spent of the \$279,000 allocated.

Of 138 applications trustees reviewed in 2019, 98 were approved, though many were not fully completed, trustees heard at the board meeting on Sept. 22.

"I think ... we know how important these projects are. We've had some discussion about the timing now and obviously we do have some money that's left over from that current year," Hahn said.

At a future meeting, Dave Golden, superintendent of learning, is to bring forward suggestions for how to use the money based on previously approved projects, Hahn said.

He reminded the board that the funding for the program enhancement fund came from surplus, so would

not be available in future years.

Projects in Haliburton County that used program enhancement grants last year included an Artist in the School and Community project, which was partially completed; the Spaced Out student exhibit at the Rails End Gallery; the Journee Franco-FUN events led by high school students in the French program for French immersion students at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School, which was partially completed; musical theatre at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School; along with other events for a wider range of students and schools including a model United Nations conference that was cancelled and an interschool art exhibition, also cancelled.

## Nutrition programs continue through 'grab and go' delivery

Asked by Haliburton County trustee Gary Brohman about what is being done in schools to ensure the food normally distributed through programs such as Food for Kids continues to make its way to students, Hahn said the board had chosen a "grab-and-go" delivery model.

This means food would be provided for students, but without the assistance of volunteers, who would normally greet the students and help prepare and distribute the food. As a precaution against the potential spread of COVID-19, the school board has restricted access to its buildings to staff and students only.

Hahn said a report could come back to trustees about how that program was being delivered and also suggested fundraising be done to supplement food delivery for those students who need more than the breakfast program.

"To be able as an educational community ... to raise some money and have funds set aside for principals and schools to offer to communities I think is really critical," he said.

In a typical year in Haliburton County, about 1,700 students access the nutrition program delivered by Food for Kids.

# TLDSB student reps launch anti-racism initiative

JENN WATT  
*Editor*

Student leaders within the Trillium Lakelands District School Board are looking for action on racism and discrimination against all members of the school community and have asked for anyone with stories about their experiences to share them.

Since Sept. 4, 22 stories have been shared, said student trustee Ryder Lytle, with contributions ranging from one sentence to a couple of paragraphs.

Ryder shared an update about the project with trustees at their meeting on Sept. 22.

"Over the last few weeks, [student trustee] Kaylee [Kelly] and I have been collecting stories and experiences from students and staff to better understand what is going on in our schools," Ryder's prepared statement for the board reads. "We plan to use these stories to create ways we can combat racism in TLDSB schools and other buildings to create a safe and welcoming environment for all TLDSB members."

Kaylee and Ryder are each student trustees serving two-year terms on the board. They are each members of the G7 student senate, which includes a representative from each of the board's high schools.

Ryder said that the G7 would be making a plan based on the stories they've gathered on how changes can be made at all levels of the board.

"Kaylee and I especially feel there is absolutely zero tolerance of racism, discrimination, or bias in any

TLDSB schools or buildings," Ryder's statement reads. "It is something that needs to be talked about and not just shoved under the rug. Racism is a very real thing in every single one of our schools and buildings and it should not be at all. We know it is a real thing in our schools because Kaylee and I have experienced racism first-hand being visible minority students."

The stories of racism experienced by members of the school community will also be brought to the board and committees, Ryder said.

They are still collecting stories and Ryder has included a link on his Instagram bio @ryderlytle connecting to the anonymous Google form.

The form reads, in part: "Motion To Be Brought Forward: As students of TLDSB we have recognized that Trillium Lakelands DSB needs to make systemic changes, to ensure that all staff and students feel that they are in a safe learning environment. This form is here for students and staff to fill out detailing any incidents where they have witnessed or experienced any type of racism, discrimination, or segregation on a Trillium Lakelands DSB premises."



## Water Ambassadors Canada

is hosting the first annual, socially-distanced Fall Water Walk on Oct. 4th in Glebe Park, Haliburton. Participants can start their walk between 1:00 - 2:00 and meander through the Sculpture Forest for either the 2km or 6km walkathon. Though this is a national virtual event, our Haliburton goal is to raise \$10,000 to help with clean water projects in the developing world, including helping with the urgent need for handwashing stations to fight the spread of COVID-19.

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This is the cumulative data on confirmed COVID-19 cases in the HKPR District Health Unit area.

	Haliburton	City of Kawartha Lakes	Northumberland	HKPRDHU
Confirmed Cases	16	181	43	240
Current Probable Cases+	0	0	0	0
Current High Risk Contacts+	5	6	4	15
Hospitalizations (Total to Date)	1	11	3	15
Resolved**	15	159	39	213
Not Resolved	0	1	6	7
Deaths	0	32	1	33
Current Outbreaks	0	0	0	0

One confirmed case of COVID-19 in Haliburton County, the first since Aug. 10, has been reported by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit as of Monday, Sept. 28. Previously, 15 cases have been confirmed in the county, with those cases having been resolved. Visit [hkpr.on.ca](http://hkpr.on.ca) to see data updated Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays



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Over the last month, student representation has shone at the Trillium Lakelands District School Board's trustee meetings as school communities embark on a particularly difficult year, one that's rife with challenges and calls for careful consideration.

At meetings leading up to September, trustees have been vocal at meetings, questioning decision making and keeping a critical eye on government policy that will greatly impact everyone from the teachers and bus drivers to the custodians and students across the board.

Those who have listened in to the meetings would be impressed to hear the kinds of issues being raised and in particular, the contribution the student trustees have made.

At a meeting in August, for example, student trustee Kaylee Kelly came prepared with a long list of questions for TLDSB administration, all derived from her peers' concerns about the year to come in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

Will students have access to their

lockers? Will they still be engaging in extracurricular activities and sports? What about the capacity of change rooms for fitness and phys-ed? Vandalism has been bad in some school washrooms, with the importance of having them sanitized and functional to promote good hygiene, what will the board be doing about that? Will the breakfast program continue to run? Will secondary school students be allowed to switch their classes?

Each question was on point and likely wouldn't have been raised by trustees who aren't attending classes.

Last week, the importance of representation was again apparent as student trustee Ryder Lytle informed the board of a project the G7 student senate has embarked upon, gathering stories from stu-

dents and staff about racism experienced at school.

"We know it is a real thing in our schools because Kaylee and I have experienced racism first-hand being visible minority students," Ryder's speaking notes read.

Those stories are to inform plans of action by the student senate and will be brought to the board to spur action and create a safer environment for all.

We're living in a time with much to fret over, sometimes a perfect storm of anxiety-inducing exterior events, but there are also glowing lights of inspiration. The work of the students is one such light – and proof that representation matters.



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## Editorial

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## Our road

**T**HE WORLD was awash with colour. As Monica walked down her road she couldn't help but feel inspired by what she saw. At the same time she was a little sad knowing the fall burst of colour was so short-lived. Perhaps that was what it made special. Like an infant that soon becomes a toddler. Or a puppy that changes to a 60 pound dog. All of life's stages were special but the fleeting ones were especially poignant.

Such deep thoughts for an autumn morning stroll, she told herself. Sometimes it's best to just enjoy the moment without over-thinking. After this walk there was a large pile of firewood awaiting her return. She had already had a fire on in the house. The nights now held a chill. However they were positively balmy if happening in January. It was all relative.

A pick-up slowed down then stopped beside her as she waited for the window to roll down. Her neighbour Jim was a friendly guy despite the fact he rarely cracked a smile. A man of few words, he nonetheless could always be called on to lend a hand when needed. A little plumbing work, simple electrical jobs and basic carpentry – Jim could do it all. No charge was what he always said. He knew she was on as tight a budget as he. But she passed on some of her home-made pickles and jam as well as the occasional tin of muffins. So it evened out.

They exchanged the usual comments about the day's weather forecast, wondering if it would rain later, despite the clear sky now. He remarked on the mountain of firewood in her front yard, offering to help pile it in exchange for an apple pie. She smiled. It was what she had been hoping he'd say. Every year it got harder to tackle all that wood. Old age sucked. Another stage along the way, like the turning leaves.

Growing up in the city had been a different fall experience. If you were lucky enough to live on a tree-lined street you could enjoy their changing colours. And

the air broadcasted the season. Piles of leaves smoldering at the end of people's lawns gave a smokey tinge to the neighbourhood. It hung over the neatly lined sidewalks, hazing the sunlight and tickling noses. That was about the only way you knew it was fall back then. People didn't put up outdoor decorations the way they do now. No comical scarecrows, gourd arrangements or corn stalks welcoming visitors at the door. Nor were the stores crowded with Halloween items by mid-September.

For Monica these days, fall was not a time for decorations but rather for preparations. Stack the firewood, clean the stove pipe, heat the crawl space under the kitchen and freeze what she couldn't preserve from her garden. Ten years ago she had put in new windows so she no longer had to spread plastic over them before the wind howled. She had already stored away her white pants and short-sleeved cotton outfits. Hoodies and cords were a better choice for her morning walks.

But it wasn't winter yet, she told herself. There were still a few warm days ahead. It was quieter now with fewer people vacationing. After the summer crush of cars and visitors, Monica liked walking her road without having to watch for drivers in a hurry. Jim said he was also enjoying the slower pace, although it meant a dip in his income once summer was over. Then with a wave he was on his way. He'd be over later.

A field of goldenrod nodded in the breeze as she walked by. It was abuzz with pollinators. They were also getting ready for winter, bringing food back to their winter homes. Soon most of the birds would be gone south, leaving mainly chickadees and blue jays to congregate around her feeders. The maples snapped red, the birches shone gold and a sky so blue it gleamed were what she could now enjoy in peace.

Monica stepped up her pace, knowing there was still an apple pie to be made.



Staring squirrel

by Darren Lum

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# points of view

## Cheaters revisited

A RECENT APPOINTMENT with my eye doctor confirmed what I have suspected all along. I don't need glasses, but only so long as the world uses larger font sizes and bigger things.

Naturally, I took this in the positive manner in which it was intended, until he also explained that while we can put a man on the moon, we can't make any font under size 16 illegal.

"What should I do?" I asked.

"You only need glasses for reading. So just keep using your cheaters," he said.

For those of you not yet Googling "Service dogs that can also read" let me explain. Cheaters are what the rest of the world calls reading glasses. And, as miracles of modern science go, they are an inexpensive solution that address two age old problems. The first being, when did everyone start to publish everything in fine print? The second being, what is the one object I can buy that not only makes me exercise my memory but my body too?

The answer to both is cheaters. And, fortunately, they are still reasonably priced.

Don't get me wrong. Even though they are inexpensive, I think it is prudent to buy the best you can afford. After all, you are talking about your vision.

So I spent \$1.19 a pair, which will get you mid-level cheaters with the sort of styling you typically see on those glasses that also sport fake noses and moustaches.

Oh sure, I could have spent as much as \$3 if I wanted to put on airs. Heck, I know an afflu-

ent friend who shelled out \$19.99 on a stylish pair, the kind you get at one of those fancy drug stores – or should I say "apothecaries" – but the truth is he's doing it just for show. (He "reads" audio books.)

If you are a regular reader of my columns, however, you are probably well aware that I ascribe to the quantity over quality theory, which explains why I bought five pairs for under \$6.

This was primarily to address the exercising my body and memory issue. You see, the only reason you do either with cheaters is because you have to remember where you put them and, should that not work out, you have to log hundreds of steps to find them.

I figured, if I bought five pairs, and placed them in several strategic reading areas in the house – one in each bathroom, one beside my bedside table, one beside my laptop, and the other some place I can't recall (atop my head), I'd never have to remember where I left them or expend extra energy searching for them again. Instead, when I needed reading glasses, I'd just haphazardly stumble upon them, just the way God intended.

As anyone who has cheaters knows, this is a solid plan which basically ensured that I would never have to worry about where my reading glasses were again. After all, if you buy enough pairs, they are everywhere.

I mentioned this to my affluent friend (the audio book "reader") and he said it was a "dumb plan." He said he believed that it was better to spend a little more on the things you buy so you value them and never lose them in the first place. And while this sounded like sage advice, he was searching for his cheaters as he said it. (They were atop his head.)

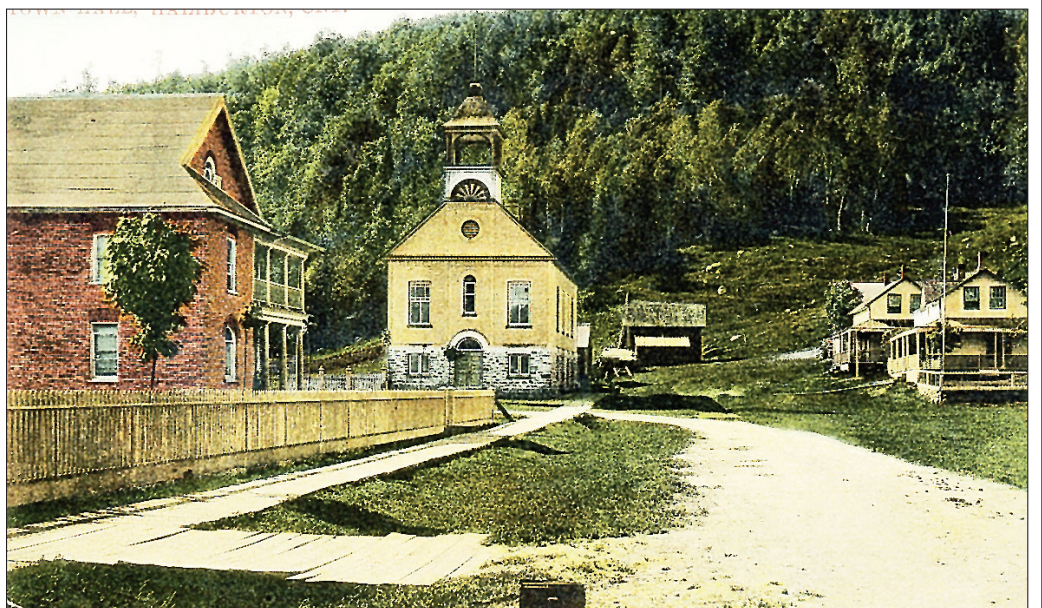
I waited until he found them and then noted that I had five times the number of chances of finding mine for one-third the price. He did not agree and we continued debating the point until we agreed to disagree.

And, that's OK, because he uses a +2.5 lens and I use a +2.25, so we rarely see things the same anyhow.



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Loon Tales



## pic of the past

The town hall, which is still the home of the Dysart et al municipal office, is the building in the centre. The brick building at the left of the photo was built in 1907 by John Lucas, whose father, Captain John Lucas, was acclaimed as the municipality's first reeve. Note the wooden sidewalks. The message on the back of the postcard was addressed to Maggie Elstone in Toronto on April 5, postmarked in Haliburton in 1910 with a one-cent stamp. The message noted the "poor year for syrup" and was signed J.E. This postcard was originally submitted to the *Echo* by Doug Elstone and was first published in 2009.

## letters to the editor

# Focus on pollution, not climate

To the Editor,

Re: "Dysart approves climate change plan," Haliburton Echo, Sept. 1, 2020

Dysart council has approved a plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (CO<sub>2</sub>) which it directly controls by 30 per cent, by 2030. This plan therefore must assume that Dysart has an emissions level problem, or why else would it have been approved by council with no apparent discussion of the financial costs and measurable (?) benefits it will yield (at least none that were mentioned in the *Echo* article).

From reading the article, the undisclosed costs of implementing this plan which come to mind include:

- Incremental cost of constructing new "green" buildings, however defined (solar panels?), compared with energy efficient conventional buildings.
- Retro-fitting existing municipal buildings (what does this entail?).
- Installing vehicle charging stations in municipal parking lots (will a fee be charged for their usage to recoup some of those costs?). Where will "green" municipal vehicles be re-fuelled, and what will those stations cost taxpayers?
- Incremental capital cost of replacing all municipal vehicles with "green" vehicles over 10 years.
- Cost/time impact this may have on the productivity of municipal employees who use municipal vehicles, if any.
- Installing weigh scales at landfill sites and capturing and analyzing that data.
- Implementing and enforcing a (presumably mandatory) organic waste program where none exists today.

Perhaps the highest costs will be related to vehicles and buildings, but as they only produce 14 per cent of Dysart's emissions, does that make sense? But let's take a step back for a minute and think this all through.

The earth's atmosphere is made up of nitrogen (78 per cent), oxygen (21 per cent), argon (0.93 per

cent) and carbon dioxide (0.04 per cent). Human activity accounts for 3.6 per cent of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, with the remaining 96.4 per cent coming from vegetation, land and oceans, all of which absorb more CO<sub>2</sub> than they emit.

The same can be said for Canada, with 347 million hectares of forested land (318 billion trees) and only 1.7 per cent of the world's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. An average 10-year-old tree will absorb 22 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> per year, releasing enough oxygen back into the atmosphere to support two humans.

Here in Haliburton, where all you can see are forests and lakes, I'm sure the CO<sub>2</sub> absorption-to-emission ratio is far higher than in Canada as a whole.

And we can't change the earth's climate. It has been changing for hundreds of millions of years and will continue to change. We learned this in science class, or at least I certainly did – many years ago.

Pollution, not "climate," is a real problem that humans can impact. Air, land and water pollution are a concern to anyone who truly values life and nature. Resources (i.e. money) to reduce pollution are scarce and so must be focused on those areas most in need, which vary from place to place.

In Haliburton, we have very clean air, thanks to our geography, and clean lakes thanks to their constant renewal from the rivers and streams flowing through them, as well as an excellent program to regularly educate users and inspect waste water systems.

But, as the article/plan correctly identifies, land waste has the potential to become a significant pollution issue in Haliburton, especially as more and more people make this their permanent home.

This is where, in my opinion, this plan should be focused: Reducing/eliminating landfill waste (aka land pollution). Easier said than done when you don't have "curbside pick-up" and can't effectively limit bags (people will unfortunately just drop them at the gate after hours, feeding the bears and creating a mess) or enforce compliance.

Separating organic waste makes sense, as long

see EFFICIENTLY page 8



# Efficiently dispose of landfill waste locally

from page 7

as it can be disposed of properly. Backyard composting in rural areas, where many residents are seasonal and the woods are full of hungry animals is challenging, to say the least.

The solution is not to transport all this growing mountain of waste to Chatham in diesel guzzling transport trucks, but to efficiently dispose of it locally, perhaps by investing in high efficient incineration – something not mentioned at all in the plan, but a solution successfully embraced by some European nations (i.e. Denmark).

And what about the endless piles of junk people leave spread across their rural properties? Are those old autos and tractors leaking toxic chemicals into the soil?

Finally, I would be interested to know what type of vehicles all council members who approved this plan (presumably without knowing the cost to taxpayers) are driving. Are they all “green”? And are they all composting their organic waste today?

Dave Love  
Haliburton Lake

*This is a postscript from:*  
Robert G Miller, Dip Chem Eng., B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D., C. Chem, F.SME

First, I totally agree with Dave Love.

For the scientists who really understand the difference between climate variation and the current hysteria surrounding carbon dioxide emissions, the mile high glaciers covering Haliburton did not melt because of any effect from mankind. It was caused by the conditions resulting from the Milankovitch cycles.

Considering the number of vehicles passing through the town of Haliburton, any changes that the township plan makes would not be measurable. If you cannot measure the difference, then the action makes no sense.

Put resources towards something that you can have some positive effect upon such as ensuring our lakes are protected. End camp fires and all wood burning, they cause more pollution than dozens of cars.

Robert G. Miller, Ph.D.  
Haliburton Lake

# Irondale needs waste transfer station

To the Editor,

*The following is an open letter to Minden Hills council, copied to Echo readers.*

Submission of the attached petition and roadside photo serves to represent the Irondale area permanent and seasonal residents' demand that a waste transfer yard be installed at the existing landfill site property or purchase a property in the area to accomplish same.

The residents in the area have been serviced with a landfill site for approximately 50 years and this service should continue based on the tax dollars the municipality derives from this portion of the municipality. This is an unjust action on the part of the municipality due to lack of forethought and poor planning.

Having to transport household waste for a significant distance to another waste disposal site places undue inconvenience on the taxpayers in this area causing for a greater consumption of vehicular fuel which is not needed in these times of global warming.

Environmentally, this will be a detriment to this area as there is no doubt that some irresponsible taxpayers will be littering along the roadsides and onto people's private properties due to the lack of waste disposal service provided by the municipality and their imprudent actions. This can presently be seen in the attached photo I took just today [Sept. 14] on the Irondale Road illustrating waste litter that was depos-

ited by somebody last Sunday (presumably seasonal resident heading southward). For a whole week (every day for some reason) a municipal vehicle has passed by this garbage and not stopped to pick it up off of municipal property fronting private property. This is a disgrace and demonstrates disregard and remiss on the part of the municipality.

As per the attached petition (not completed due to COVID-19) the taxpayers in this area demand that council install a waste disposal transfer yard at the existing landfill site or else purchase a suitable property in the area to accomplish same.

Dennis C. Simmons



# Duchene gives the gift of fruit through generous donation to SIRCH

When the COVID-19 pandemic brought the Haliburton economy to a grinding halt, NHL player Matt Duchene knew he wanted to do something to help the place he called home.

“When the pandemic hit I thought about those in our community who would be struggling because of not being able to go to work, being laid off, etc and I just felt the need to do something,” he said.

Matt grew up in Haliburton County and although he now lives in Nashville, his parents live, work and volunteer in this community. His mother, Chris Duchene, contacted SIRCH on Matt's behalf to ask what needs SIRCH was seeing that were not already being met, especially around food security.

Gena Robertson, executive director of SIRCH Community Services, did an informal poll of various service providers in the community. She also polled her own staff and volunteers who cook the free, healthy meals and soups SIRCH gives out. Prepared meals are essential for those with disabilities, anxiety, lack of cooking skills or resources, and for those who are ill, homeless and elderly.

The answer was fruit. Many vulnerable individuals were not getting enough fruit in their diet because of its prohibitive cost.

“Initially, when the pandemic closed everything down, SIRCH just responded to the need for food in the county. We upped our meal production to over 2,000 meals a month,” Robertson said “What was missing though was fruit, and we know that if people are struggling to pay for food, fruit goes to the bottom of the list because it's too expensive.”

SIRCH used Matt's generous donation of \$15,000 specifically to offer free servings of fruit (fresh fruit and fruit crisps/desserts) along with the free SIRCH meals.

“I was very excited to be able to help my community in such a time of need,” said Duchene.

Since May 5, SIRCH has given out 5,100 servings of fruit, thanks to Duchene's generosity. As well, thanks to many other donations and grants, from mid-March to mid-September, SIRCH has given out 12,000 free meals, along with 4,100 soups.

“It's been amazing to see how organizations like SIRCH have kept so many afloat during this unprecedented, unforeseen time,” said Matt. “I've seen people and organizations come together, whether it be back in Nashville or here in Haliburton and provide things for people that we all usually take for granted. It's been hard on everyone but I think as human beings we can come out of this with a new appreciation for the little things and for helping each other.”

Robertson said she believes that when given the opportunity to help a community or your neighbour, most people will gladly step up. But even so, she was still amazed at the generosity that SIRCH has experienced over the past few months.

“Fifty-five per cent of our donations were from Haliburton County, even though our county was devastated by closures, layoffs and uncertainty,” she said. “Thirty per cent were from outside the county, largely we believe from summer residents who care deeply about the community. Matt's donation was thoughtful and very much appreciated. We heard again and again that the servings of fruit made such a difference!”

Duchene has made a difference not only to SIRCH Community Services but to many local organizations and causes he believes in over the years.

“I've been blessed to play a game I love for a living and be well off financially from it, so I honestly feel like it's a responsibility to help make the world a better place if I can. Being able to give back and help others is truly a gift. God has blessed my life so much and being able to give back to my home community of Haliburton and my new home in Nashville means the world to me.”

For more information about SIRCH visit [www.sirch.on.ca](http://www.sirch.on.ca).

Submitted by SIRCH Community Services



SIRCH Community Services' Judith Bamford packages blueberry crisps at SIRCH Central. The desserts were made with fresh fruit and distributed for free to the community as part of SIRCH's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The organization received a generous donation from NHL player Matt Duchene, which allowed them to distribute more than 5,000 servings of fresh fruit. /Photo submitted

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# Work continues to move Hops Dr. development forward

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Staff Reporter

Dysart et al councillors want a commercial development proposed for 10 Hops Drive in Haliburton to move forward, and are working with the developer to make that happen sooner rather than later.

Steven Webster, a developer with Marnac Management Corp. of North York, joined the Dysart et al regular council meeting held virtually on Sept. 22 to discuss final cost estimate amounts, that the development meets the intent of councils' vision and how to work toward the finalization of the site plan agreement, including the completion of a hydrogeologic study.

The commercial development being proposed for 10 Hops Drive in Haliburton – located on County Road 21 across from Haliburton Lumber – would include a gas bar, 10,000-square-foot retail building and drive-thru restaurant.

A report heard during a Sept. 8 committee-of-the-whole meeting noted some discrepancy in the amount of securities that should be given to the municipality by the developer, those securities calculated based on the value of the groundworks at the site.

The developer has pegged the securities amount at approximately \$150,000, the municipality approximately \$200,000.

"It's really up to council at this point," said planner Kris Orsan, noting that Dysart et al staff were standing by their numbers.

Mayor Andrea Roberts and Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy suggested adjusting the percentages on the project to make drawdowns easier to manage.

Councillor John Smith asked if council was setting a precedent in allowing that, and Roberts said "although we've rarely had such a discrepancy," between two plans, council had negotiated in the past with other developers as well.

"We do want to see this go forward and we have a responsibility, as staff remind us, as councillors, as council to make a decision that mitigates risk to the corporation of the township," said Roberts. "That's what we're doing here. We want to see this development go forward and I think the numbers are still significant enough. I feel confident that this is not putting the municipality at risk."

Orsan also suggested council discuss their satisfaction with the proposed development, in particular the facade and landscaping, to ensure it aligned with their guidelines and vision for the town. Roberts mentioned the possibility of a "cottage country" feel and "Haliburton look."

Webster said he would love to build a post-and-beam building, though made note that example was extreme and that he recognized it wasn't what council was asking for.

"But from the time that I started this project, which was almost three years ago now, to today, I think we can all agree that times have changed," he said. "I still have my lead tenant that still wants to go there, my other tenants have come and gone and come back around, but different economies, so it's get-

ting squeezed on all sides here which is difficult to say the least. It's going to be a difficult project to come out of the ground to start. And I guess that's just from an economic standpoint. Doing anything that requires additional costs money, and I'm trying to pinch the corners wherever I can now to create some economic feasibility here. That's one side, and that's my issue, it's definitely not council's issue, but it's something to be aware of."

Webster said he didn't think there was consistency in facades throughout the town, noting that while local tenants might have developed such a look, "all the national players in town have their prototypical signage," and especially in the area he was looking at, which is outside of the downtown area.

"What I'm proposing is pretty much exactly what everybody else has in the area, so to be the one development that starts to get picked out on this during these times, more projects are getting mothballed than are being built, and I'm still trying to figure out a way to get this thing built," he said. "With all due respect, I need all of your help to make it happen right now, it's tricky."

Roberts requested that a bicycle rack be added to the plans to align with council's promotion of varied transportation, a recommendation with which Webster agreed.

Kennedy noted that near Webster's proposed development, the recently built Home Hardware had done facade work, and Gardens of Haliburton had added wood to their entryway.

"I don't think we're looking for a radical change here, just some influence if we could," he said.

Webster said he would consider that, but noted other elements at play, including timing of the project.

He said that he was asked to do a hydrogeologic study, the first he has done after 17 developments. While his engineer had done that work, he said, it didn't meet the municipality's standards which he said hadn't been clear to him and that further studies would take time.

"I feel like I'm caught between a rock and a hard place," he said, noting that he wanted to have the groundwork and foundation work started "prior to snow falling."

"As it stands right now, I don't see how I can do it," he said.

Roberts said the study as it was done was incomplete, and that Dysart et al could not negotiate on that.

"We can't accept an incomplete study," she said. "That's something we can't negotiate, we have to have the complete study."

While Roberts said ample opportunity had been afforded for the developer's engineer and municipality's engineer to speak with each other, Webster said the municipality's engineer had not called his engineer back after phone calls made within the past two weeks. Roberts noted, "what's happened in the past is past. We are in favour of this proposal. We are in favour of this development. I think we need to move it forward as best we can."

Roberts suggested they "start the ball rolling" by sending the agreement to lawyers conditional on the completion of the study. Staff were directed to bring further reports to the October meeting of council.

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# HE moving forward to allow off-road motorcycles on municipal roads

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Staff Reporter

*The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Sept. 22 meeting of Highlands East council, which was available to the public via YouTube.*

Highlands East council voted to allow off-road motorcycles and Argo-like vehicles on municipal roads, amending their bylaw following a report given by bylaw enforcement officer Kristen Boylan.

This comes as a result of Haliburton County council's request for feedback from municipalities after the province granted provincial highway road access to XTRs, or off-road vehicles with six or eight wheels and ORMs, or off-road motorcycles as of July 1, 2020.

"They're trying to get a feel of if this will work and what all the lower tiers are thinking and have all our roads under the same umbrella," Boylan said.

Access for the new user groups will enable them to link trail networks. It is part of an effort to increase route options for off-roaders and to bolster tourism across the province, bringing more people to new areas. The Ontario Federation of Trail Riders, which represents thousands of off-road motorcyclists was part of the advocacy effort for this access.

Before the vote, councillors Ruth Strong and Cam McKenzie were the first on council who supported the access. This decision will be sent to county council.

Boylan said there may be financial impact to the municipality if the roads department needs to repair portions of the road due to additional traffic. However, she said this is part of the "natural process of what we're trying to offer being a tourist destination."

Councillor Suzanne Partridge was the first on council to voice concerns about added damage that could reduce the conditions of roadways for area truck and car drivers.

Boylan clarified, saying the new users wouldn't necessarily be permitted on the travel portion, as they would be limited to the shoulder unless it wasn't safe to do so.

## Building on municipal land

Council denied a request (and likely future requests) from a resident on Hemlock Street in Cardiff to construct a four-by-four retaining wall to safeguard against erosion on the road allowance.

CAO and treasurer Shannon Hunter noted the liability issue and the prospect of other residents who might want to do the same.

Hunter said the issue is the retaining wall would be built on municipal property. Unless there was a legal agreement stating the homeowner assumes liability, there is a concern for the township.

"Someone walked on it. Someone slipped on it. Someone fell on it. That's one of the things," she said.

Partridge noted the long-term outlook.

"We don't know [what] the long-term implications of that would be. I lean towards not allowing this retaining wall or any others," he said.

Deputy Mayor Cecil Ryall repeated Hunter's liability concern and also noted concerns for safety.

"My concern would be about safety and someone falls

off the edge of that, where do we stand?"

McKenzie understood this decision will prevent other work by private residents.

"If we turn this down then it probably turns down future applications. The one other thing is on the submission there was no recommendations from either our roads department or our environmental for, against or neutral," he said.

McKenzie said he knew this area well, having spoken to the owner and believed it was initially referenced as a fence. Another resident was thinking about a similar proposal for a stone wall.

He said it's not practical for a person to build a retaining wall on their own property, but recognized the beneficial result for the township when property owners have shored up the edges of driveways where they met road shoulders. However, he said in this case it wasn't the same situation and doesn't expect this request to be common.

## \$25,000 bill for Cardiff drinking water system

Environmental supervisor Stewart Hurd said essential maintenance needs to be performed on the two wells of the Cardiff drinking water system. The work includes inspections and cleanings to the duty well and standby well.

The \$20,000 capital money budgeted for upgrades to pump efficiency will be needed for the work on the wells. His recommendation for the upgrades to the pump efficiency to come from the 2021 capital budget was supported by council.

The issue is the duty well's performance has decreased and the presence of "significant air" in the standby well. This has resulted in a need to change filters more frequently, causing greater cost with the main well while the standby well is dealing with the presence of air, which "interferes with the monitoring equipment in the facility and introduces air into the distribution system."

Hurd said the earliest technicians will be able to start the work is the last week of October. He will look for other technicians to start the work earlier, but wasn't sure.

"It's tough to get them in right away, but we're trying to push to get this well as soon as possible to save on the costs of running the facility," he said.

## Blue box costs increase

Environmental supervisor Steward Hurd said there was a "significant increase" of visitors to the landfill.

It has raised the costs associated to processing and haulage of blue box materials worth a little more than \$66,000 for the period from June to August this year. From June to August last year, the cost was just a bit more than \$42,000.

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Volunteer Cathy McIlmurray helps prepare apple sauce at Lakeside Church on Sept. 22. /Photo submitted

## Applesauce project a success during challenging year

Another successful Applesauce Project is in the books thanks to the dedication of volunteers and the generosity of a caring community. This year, Lakeside Church took the lead. The annual project took place the week of Sept. 21, with apples being donated by the community at large.

On Sept. 22 a small group of volunteers gathered (maintaining social distancing and COVID-19 protocols) at Lakeside Church in Haliburton to turn the bushels of apples into applesauce. A total of 654 portions were packaged into 327 containers (each containing a double portion).

The Applesauce Project is a FoodNet initiative which asks residents with apple trees to donate any unused apples so they may be made into delicious fruit servings, which are then distributed free throughout the community. This is the sixth year of the project, which has made more than 10,400 servings of fruit since its inception, according to SIRCH records.

The applesauce is distributed through SIRCH, Meals on Wheels, and through local food banks. Community partners include Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, SIRCH Community Services, Haliburton Highlands Health Services – Community Support Services, with containers donated from Entrée Plus.

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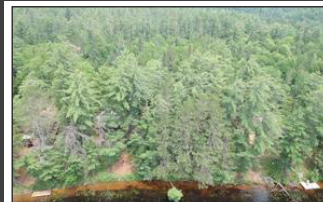
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- Incredible point lot with big lake views
- Private location, driveway installed
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### Gull River Minden \$399,000

- 2 self contained 3 season cottages
- 235' of mixed shoreline, great swimming
- Just minutes to Minden or Big Gull Lake
- Excellent weekly rental income



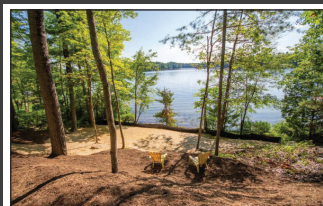
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### Carnarvon Home \$399,000

- Log home immaculately kept inside and out
- Spacious principle rooms, 2 bdrms, 2 baths
- Private location near two lake with beautiful gardens & decks



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### Gull Lake \$549,000

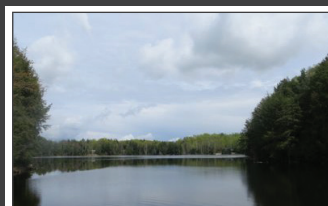
- Large private waterfront lot on a premium lakes
- 3.2 Acres, 240' of waterfrontage, level building site
- Hardpacked sand, shallow entry, cleaned and ready to build!



Susanne James\*  
& Andy Mosher\*\*  
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### Long Lake \$499,900

- 3-season cottage on Long/Miskwabi chain
- 3 BR, 4-piece bath, newer septic sized for 4 bedrooms.
- Miles of boating, year-round road access



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286-2138 x 27

### West Lake Building Lot \$265,300

- Prime lot with a stunning view over the Lake
- Year-round township road, terrific building site
- Hydro & Bell are available at the lot line



Donna McCallum\*  
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### Highway Commercial \$350,000

- 8-acre parcel with 1240' frontage on Cty Rd 21
- 10 minutes from Haliburton
- Opportunity to live in and to run a business.
- Sold "as is" - needs repair



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### Trooper Lake \$420,000

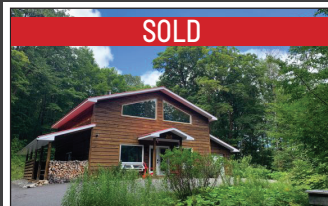
- Well-maintained, rustic, 3-bedroom cottage
- Open concept Living/Kitchen/Dining
- Spectacular views across the lake
- Flat lot is great for all ages



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### Kennis Lake \$739,000

- Open Concept 3-bedroom cottage
- Plus 200 Sq Ft Bunkie
- 140' WF with sunny South exposure
- Hard sand bottom against rock outcroppings



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### Soyers Lake Road \$479,900

- 3.8 private acres close to Haliburton
- Open concept living space w/ vaulted ceilings
- Paved driveway, attached garage



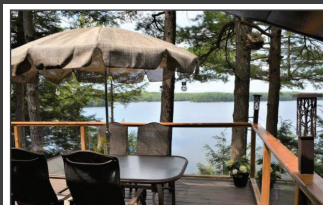
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### Wilberforce Home \$312,000

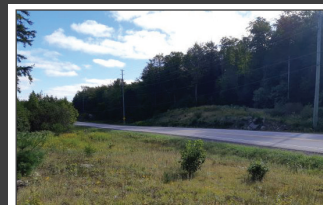
- In town 3 bedroom home with many upgrades
- New roof, freshly painted & cupboards
- Walk to amenities.



Christine Sharp\*  
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### Kabakwa Lake \$995,000

- Beautiful western view
- 2000 sq ft, winterized
- High speed internet



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### County Road 21 \$179,000

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- Ultimate privacy for residential use!



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### Minden Area Bungalow \$389,000

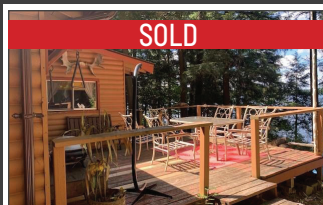
- 3 bdrm/2 bath Bungalow
- Cathedral Ceilings/Propane Fireplace
- Finished Walk-out Basement
- 1.1 Acres, Det'd Garage



Tom Wilkinson\*  
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### Minden Building Lot \$169,900

- Excellent location with maximum exposure
- Commercial zoning with many possible uses
- Investment or your own business



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- West-facing lot with expansive views & 102' of clean, deep rock shoreline
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# War Boy

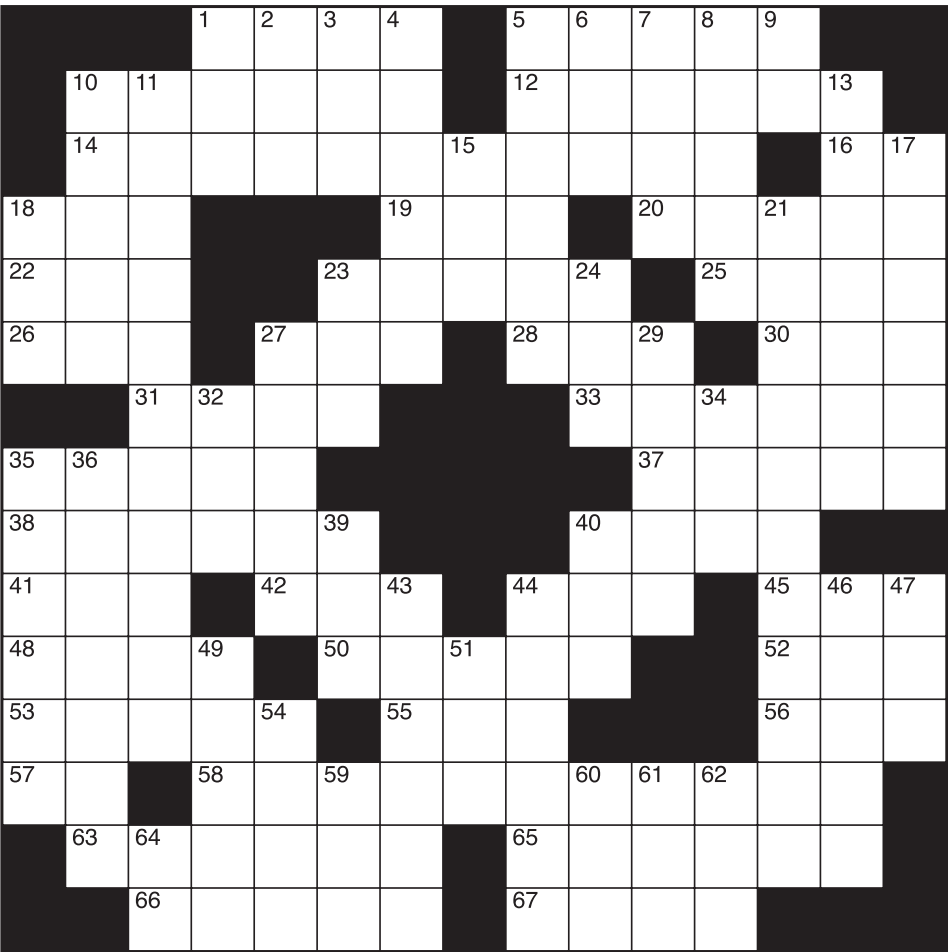
To mark the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, over the course of eight weeks, the Echo is publishing Haliburton resident Martin Hofland's first-person account of living through the war as a child in Holland, originally published in his book, War Boy.

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- CLUES ACROSS**

  - 1. Upright post on a boat
  - 5. Sentimental person
  - 10. Native American tribe
  - 12. Wear away
  - 14. Where you're going
  - 16. Doctor
  - 18. Popular Chinese dialect
  - 19. One point east of due south
  - 20. Northern sea duck
  - 22. Note
  - 23. Wives (law)
  - 25. Trigonometric function
  - 26. A way to communicate (abbr.)
  - 27. Swiss river
  - 28. No (Scottish)
  - 30. Commercials
  - 31. Large instrument
  - 33. \_\_\_ Chantilly, \_\_\_ de Menthe
  - 35. Small, saclike cavities
  - 37. High and thin in tone
  - 38. Treat extremely well
  - 40. Famed track star Usain
  - 41. Secure web connection (abbr.)
  - 42. Rob of energy
  - 44. Paving material
  - 45. Cool!
  - 48. Tip of Aleutian Islands
- CLUES DOWN**

  - 1. More (Spanish)
  - 2. A subdivision of a play
  - 3. Japanese title
  - 4. More jittery
  - 5. Fabric
  - 6. Luke's mentor \_\_\_-Wan
  - 7. Cleaving tool
  - 8. Ancient city of Egypt
  - 9. 36 inches
  - 10. Farewell
  - 11. Second to last
  - 13. Improved by critical editing
  - 15. Defensive weapon (abbr.)
  - 17. Fancy attire
- 18. \_\_\_ Farrow, actress
  - 21. Completely opposed
  - 23. Supervises flying
  - 24. Pouch
  - 27. True firs
  - 29. Mistake
  - 32. Computing platform (abbr.)
  - 34. Snakelike fish
  - 35. Greatly horrify
  - 36. Despicable person
  - 39. Tell on
  - 40. Ballplayer's tool
  - 43. Central Brazilian town
  - 44. Court game
  - 46. Land
  - 47. "The Partridge Family" actress Susan
  - 49. Retract a statement
  - 51. Data executive
  - 54. Capital of Yemen
  - 59. Portable computer screen material
  - 60. Electronic data processing
  - 61. "Matt Houston" actor Horsley
  - 62. Resinous substance
  - 64. Rural delivery

Answers on page 15

Boy. This is the second instalment.

## The German occupation

On May 15, 1940, to save lives, the Dutch surrendered to the Germans. The queen and her family escaped to England. The Germans came in large numbers by parachute, by truck and in tanks. Soldiers marched the streets with their "Heil Hitler" salutes. We became prisoners in our own country.

## The Hitler youth mentality

Some Dutch people collaborated with the Nazis. "The NSB" (National Socialist Movement) betrayed their own countrymen to gain favours from the Germans. Many of them joined the Waffen SS (Nazi military police). Then there was the "Hitler Youth", a fanatical group of youth from eight to 16 years of age. They held their marches and rallies with the "Heil Hitler" salutes. One day I was watching one of their marches, and a couple of young boys forced me to march with them. After a short while, I was able to break away, and escaped by running through the spectators. After that I never watched any more of their parades. In 1942, I again felt the sting of the Hitler youth group in my neighbourhood. Across the street from our home, there was a house with a shed that was used for a clubhouse. I did not know that the boys were members of the Hitler youth. They must have known that I was against them. One day, they invited me to join them for cookies and lemonade. I fell for their trap. I saw a German flag with a swastika on the wall, and realized what kind of company I had so willingly joined. They gave me a chair, without a seat, just a frame.

## The Jews start to disappear

The Jewish people were forced to wear the "Star of David" on their clothes so that the Germans could identify them. Soon Jewish people started to disappear. They were loaded on trains and taken away to concentration camps where they were shot, gassed, or forced to work in hard labour, with little food until they were too weak to work. Many died of starvation, the rest were shot. The German soldiers wore a belt buckle with the inscription "God mit ons," (God is with us). More than six million Jewish people were slaughtered, and over five million non-Jewish children died around the world. These Germans were not soldiers. They were mass murderers. Devils in uniform. "There is no doubt," said Winston Churchill, "that this is probably the greatest and most horrible crime ever committed in the whole history of the world."



Undated family photo. Back row from left, Herman, Dick, Mother. Front row from left, Papa, Maarten, Henny, Eduard.



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The rail trails in Haliburton County and surrounding areas have seen a greater number of users and an increase of complaints, which has the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders concerned about safety and losing access. They're reminding motorized users to practice safe operation of their vehicles, which includes giving space and slowing down for non-motorized users. /DARREN LUM Staff



# Trail riders encourage courteous, safe use of trails

DARREN LUM  
Staff Reporter

With more users out on the trails during the coronavirus pandemic, there have also been more complaints, which has raised concern for the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders.

Unlike on trails that are designated for specific types of users, some shared routes such as rail trails can cause stress when there are additional interactions between motorized and non-motorized users, said Mark Ayles, director with OFTR and member of the Haliburton Trail Riders.

"When we're on the rail trail and we're running from Tory Hill down to Gooderham we may encounter just people walking with their dogs and kids and families, other ATVers, you know, anyone can be on that roadway ... basically, it's the busier areas," he said. "You're coming down a road and you see a family with their dog walking, really, you should slow right down to a crawl. One, you're not making any dust for these people. Two, they know their kids are safe when these motorized vehicles are going by and it's respectful, right?"

This practice can help to ensure access isn't taken away by townships, who must address complaints, he said.

"If we get too many complaints of motorized vehicles running too fast when there's young families, pets and kids on the trail, it's easy for the township to say, 'you know what, let's keep them off our trail.' So if we don't respect everyone we could lose it, right?"

The OFTR's code of conduct includes safe practices for its members, which includes riding sober; riding on existing trails; respecting nature, other users and the work of volunteers; complying with legislation; packing in and packing out; and not trespassing.

"If you're unsure then don't go," he said. "That's our little motto when we ride dirt bikes. If you think you might be trespassing, then turn around."

Trails are closed not to deny someone's enjoyment, but

sometimes it's for safety reasons such as a bridge that's not passable or a trail that's washed out.

Other times it's to ensure that landowners who have land access agreements in place don't have reason to change their minds, which could close a whole trail network.

Ayles, who is a Wilberforce cottager, recognizes this problem as an off-roader and a snowmobiler in the Paudash Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club.

"It's about reminding people we could lose the privilege of riding on some of the trails," he said. "In our area of Paudash that run up to me [in Wilberforce] we have so many individual landowners that if we lose one we could lose a whole trail, so we're constantly fighting that battle of litter, and people being disrespectful and stuff like that," he said.

Knowing how to operate a vehicle is one thing, but it's not the same as riding in a manner that works for all users on multi-user trails, Ayles said.

"Everyone may think they know how to ride a dirt bike or an ATV, but do you know how to ride it and be respectful of private property and, you know, other people using the trail?" he said.

Numbers are up; last December OFTR had about 3,600 members and as of its last meeting a few weeks ago, it now has 4,600.

Ayles said more riders is great for the economy and the sport. Some riders have come from as far away as Guelph.

"I love to see all these riders out there and I love to see them come into my town. I just want everyone to be respectful and when you're riding through a 50 [km/h] zone, like the little town of Wilberforce ... you should be going 50. You shouldn't be doing 80 and when you hit the bigger roads you can do more, but it's common sense again," he said.

This increase in membership revenue this year has helped with the financing of \$25,000 worth of rehabilitation work on the 26-acre area in the OFTR members-only area of Somerville Tract forest in Kinmount.

Another reason to promote safe riding practices and ensure good relations with other users is to allow green plated motorcycles on roadways.

The green plate, which is white with green letters and numerals, designates a motorcycle as an off-road-only machine and allows a user with the proper insurance and driver's licence access to highways on their way to trails.

"On July 1st, 2020 regulation changes were brought into effect to allow Green Plate Motorcycles access to several provincial roads," *Inside Motorcycles* reported. "This was the final piece for the Better for People, Smarter for Business Act, 2019 that was passed in December 2019. For many years the OFTR has been working on getting the same permissions as the other off-road vehicles in Ontario."

Currently, there is access to provincial roads and the next step is to have municipal governments amend bylaws to allow motorcycles with green plates onto municipal roads.

"They're all voting for it because we all need tourism up north, right? We made such great strides to get our dirt bikes in all these little towns and then if we have these careless riders, we could be going back in time and that's our big fear," he said.

# County residents create long-term care coalition

Following the COVID-19 outbreak at a nursing home in the City of Kawartha Lakes and the roof leak and subsequent months-long evacuation of Highland Wood in Haliburton, a group of concerned citizens has come together to advocate for change in the sector.

The Haliburton-CKL Long-Term Care Coalition is seeking action to improve living standards for residents of long-term care homes and improving working conditions for staff, with a resident-centred approach. They are also advocating that new nursing homes be public, not private, facilities.

A launch event for the coalition will be held in the coming weeks and the group is currently looking at how to move forward with their goals, coordinating with other groups and organized labour.

Those who would like to join the group can contact Bonnie Roe at 705-286-2414 or email [hckllongtermcare-coalition@gmail.com](mailto:hckllongtermcare-coalition@gmail.com). Join the coalition's Facebook group by searching Haliburton-CKL Long-Term Care Coalition.

Staff

**The Haliburton-CKL Long-Term Care Coalition is focused on action and determined to work to:**

- include long-term care under the Canada Health Act to ensure public funding and apply national standards;
- implement the recommendations of the Registered Nursing Association of Ontario, including increasing staffing to ensure at least four hours per day of direct care per resident; improving workloads, working conditions, and conditions for care; increasing infection prevention and control and nurse practitioner expertise in care; and enhancing specialized (e.g. geriatric) expertise in LTC leadership;
- change the culture of long-term care to being more resident-centred and rights-based, including ensuring consistent implementation and safe expansion of the government of Ontario's long-term care essential care giver (visitor) guidelines; and
- cease using private sector, for-profit companies for new nursing homes in Ontario, and consider using other models of care for our older adults such as the "butterfly" model.

*From a media release provided by the Haliburton-CKL Long-Term Care Coalition*

# Walkathon to bring water, hygiene equipment where it's needed

A Water Ambassadors Canada event planned for Haliburton on Sunday aims to raise money for safe drinking water and hygiene equipment for communities in Central and South America and Africa, while also raising awareness about global water issues.

The event takes place at the Haliburton Sculpture Forest on Oct. 4 from 1 to 2 p.m. with participants choosing to walk either two or six kilometres. The goal is to raise \$10,000.

The walkathon is happening in other Ontario communities in addition to Haliburton and since it is outside, physical distancing protocols will be easy to meet.

"Anyone can join us," said organizer Ursula Devolin via email. "I'm trying to encourage some young people to come out so they develop some awareness about the distances some people walk every day to access water – and it probably isn't clean water. Participants will have the opportunity to carry some water to really let them experience what it's like to haul water."

United Nations statistics show that around the world three out of every 10 people "lack access to safely managed drinking water services and six in 10 people lack access to safely managed sanitation facilities."

"Clean water access means better health for people, it improves school attendance – especially for girls, and helps lift communities out of poverty. I think this is something we can all get behind," Devolin said.

To donate or to register, go to [waterambassadorscanada.org/walkathon](http://waterambassadorscanada.org/walkathon) or contact Ursula Devolin at 705-455-2037.

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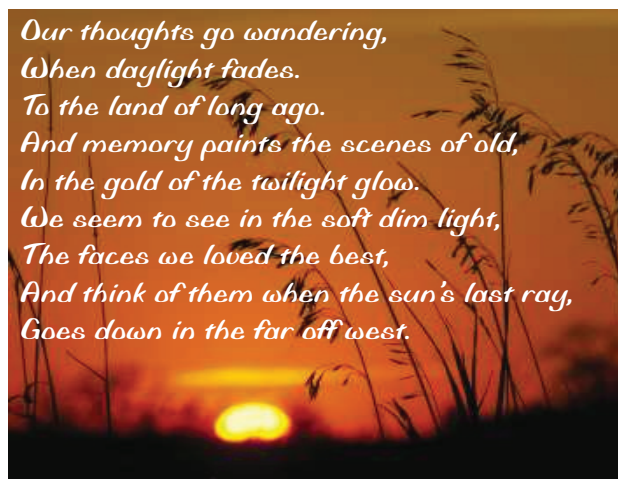
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# Eastern schools under review

Low enrolment worries board

**KEN MACPHERSON**

Special to The Echo

Declining enrolment is requiring the Trillium Lakelands School Board to think about what to do with two area schools.

The director of education has approved the creation of an accommodation review committee for Cardiff and Wilberforce Elementary Schools. The review is a study of a school or group of schools where there are challenges in providing a range of learning opportunities for students, and where there may be a need to consider the possible consolidation, closure, or program relocation of one or more schools, says a press release from the board.

Cardiff currently boasts 60 students and Wilberforce 61, a critically-low enough number to make the board take action.

"Our responsibility as educators is to offer our students the best chance for each student to reach his or her potential," says Kathy Verduyn, director of education. "The accommodation review process is in place because of the declining enrolment; we are concerned about the future of elementary education for our two communities."

See **Public** page 9



## They're off!

Participants in Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's Terry Fox Run set off for their run around Head Lake on Friday morning. Altogether the 225 students and dozen staff members raised \$5,200 for cancer research. Meanwhile, all 366 students at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School participated in their own run, raising more than \$4,000. There are more photos on page 12.

# Devolin optimistic about TSW report's outcome

**MARTHA PERKINS**

Editor

The election should cause only "a small delay" in the federal government's review of the recommendations Trent-Severn Waterway panel report, says Conservative politician Barry Devolin.

While he tried to avoid politicking when he spoke at Saturday's Lakeland Conference in his home town of Haliburton,

the MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock said that since current environment minister John Baird is already very familiar with the report, "the path of least resistance is for him to still be the minister" after the October 14 election.

"If not," Devolin said, "we'll have to keep pushing it. But whoever the four MPs in [the waterway's catchment area] are, they'll likely support this report."

He added, "I am more than

cautiously optimistic that we'll make progress." His greatest fear is that the main proposal – to change the system's management – will cause a turf war on the operational level.

Last summer, the federally-commissioned panel met with stakeholders along the TSW. They heard from places such as Peterborough, which relies on the system to provide it with municipal water, and Haliburton County, where reservoir lakes are drained every summer to

help the system maintain water levels.

The panel released its report, *It's All About the Water*, at the Peterborough Lift Locks in April.

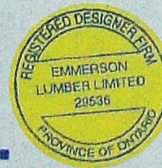
Devolin said panel members did "some deep thinking" about how to modernize a system that was created in 1905 and left virtually untouched since then. They make "significant and I'd say profound recommendations" of what changes need to be made

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Turnkey 2-bedrm, 1 bath cottage. Stunning southern views from large lakefront deck. Surrounded by mature Balsam trees providing ample privacy. Open concept living space. Ample natural lighting, spacious rooms, pine cabinetry. Finished with slate and cork flooring. Beautiful 150sqft Haliburton room perfect for hosting or enjoying peace and tranquility. Access on Drag and Spruce Lake. Cottage is fully insulated, just needs winterized water to be your year-round retreat.

**LONG LAKE \$419,000**



Choose to build your dream cottage on this stunning property overlooking Long Lake or renovate the existing building which includes 2 BR and 1 full bath. Extensive 650' of water frontage. Private seasonal access and beautifully wooded 54+/- acres provides ample privacy.

**FORTESCUE LAKE \$329,000**



Cute and cozy 2-bedroom cottage. Surrounded by 8.97 acres of mature trees providing ample privacy and stunning beaver meadow views, a wildlife delight. Open concept. 4pc bath with clawfoot tub. Southern exposure. Dock at waterfront with a quiet road traveled between. Public boat launch right next door. The spectacular lake views are a must to see.

**TAMARACK LAKE \$329,00**



Cute and cozy 2 bedroom seasonal cottage sits on the water edge. Gorgeous views fronting on Tamarack Lake. Peaceful and quiet location. Traditional cottage features a spacious living room, 2 bedrooms, 2pc bath and bright eat-in kitchen. Enjoy the beautiful south-east views. Level yard. Hard bottom natural shoreline. Don't miss this perfect opportunity to own a cozy piece of paradise.

**WILLIAMS LANDING \$57,888**



What is fractional ownership you ask? It is owning this fully furnished 3-bdrm cottage with 9 others. This gives you 5 weeks of the year to enjoy prestigious Kashagawigamog Lake and all that Williams Landing has to offer. There is an annual fee of approximate \$3,300 which includes everything! Plus, the use of 4 docks, canoes, kayaks, tennis courts, basketball nets, the stunning hiking trails throughout the 47-acre property, sand beach and much more! Your 5 weeks are throughout all 4 seasons. No work to be done, no stress over maintenance.

**VACANT LOTS**

West Lake \$339,900 1AC  
**SOLD**  
Paddys Bay \$259,000 45.72AC  
Pine Ave \$92,500 2.11AC  
**NEW LISTING**  
Salerno Lake Road \$53,900 1.05AC  
**SOLD**  
Cattail Road \$45,000 0.86AC  
**SOLD**  
South Drive \$29,500 2.28AC  
**SOLD**  
West Court Place \$29,000 2.43AC



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*Otter Lake*

Privately situated on 67+ acres sits your dream custom built waterfront home or cottage. 4 bdrm, 3 bath home finished w/ high-end finishing's. 462ft of frontage. Cherry cabinetry, granite countertops, large island and oak flooring throughout. Main floor master w/ 5pc ensuite. Lovely living room w/ grand cathedral ceilings & granite fireplace. Full finished lower level. Excellent property for children and pets to run and enjoy nature.  
**\$979,000**

**COMMERCIAL**

**THE LAKE VIEW MOTEL \$1,950,000**



One of Haliburton's most popular Motels. The Lakeview Motel offers 14 motel rms and personal living quarters. Immaculate grounds and very well maintained buildings. Turnkey operation. Lovely inground pool, 4 hot tubs, horseshoe pit, dining room, BBQ's and much more offered to guests. Personal living quarters with 3 bdrms, 2 baths, 2 living rms and kitchen/dining area. Huge potential to expand on this 3.78-acre parcel.